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SUBJECT: KHMER CREDENTIALS AT 29TH UNGA

1. WITH ADOPTION OF ASEAN RESOLUTION, REMAINING HURDLE TO FULLY SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME ON CAMBODIA AT 29TH UNGA IS POSSIBLE CHALLENGE TO KHMER REPUBLIC'S CREDENTIALS WHEN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT IS SUBMITTED LATER THIS MONTH. IF SUCCESSFUL, SUCH A CHALLENGE COULD LEAD TO EXCLUSION OF KHMER REPUBLIC FROM REMAINDER OF GA AND SET VERY HARMFUL PRECEDENT FOR CAMBODIAN CREDENTIALS QUESTIONS IN UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. WE THEREFORE REGARD DEFEAT OF ANY SUCH CHALLENGE AS HIGHLY IMPORTANT.

2. EMBASSY REYKJAVIK SHOULD THEREFORE MAKE PITCH FOR HOST GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT IN OPPOSING ANY CHALLENGE TO KHMER REPUBLIC'S CREDENTIALS AS IT DID LAST YEAR. (FYI. CHALLENGE AT 28TH UNGA FAILED 50 TO 55 (US) WITH 17 ABSTENTIONS. ICELAND VOTED WITH US IN OPPOSING CHALLENGE. END FYI.) YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT US DISAPPOINTED THAT HOST

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GOVERNMENT WAS UNABLE TO SUPPORT SUBSTANCE OF ASEAN RES-

OLUTION BUT APPRECIATES SUPPORT ON PRIORITY. WITH DEFEAT  
ON THESE QUESTIONS NARROWLY AVERTED, PROBLEM WITH  
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT NOW ANTICIPATED.

3. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT: (A) CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION  
TRADITIONALLY VIEWED BY MOST UN MEMBERS AS TECHNICAL  
MATTER; AND (B) MOST IMPORTANTLY, REJECTION OF KHMER

CREDENTIALS WOULD IN PART VITIATE CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION 29TH  
UNGA HAS TAKEN ON KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE AND WOULD BE  
CONTRARY TO SPIRIT AND LETTER OF RES 3228 (XXIX) JUST  
ADOPTED BY THE GA. THE RESOLUTION, WHICH CALLS FOR  
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE KHMER PARTIES, STATES IN  
OPERATIVE PARA 3: QUOTE DECIDES NOT RPT NOT TO PRESS FOR  
ANY FURTHER ACTION UNTIL MEMBER STATES HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY  
TO EXAMINE THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL. UNQUOTE.  
ANY EFFORT TO REJECT KHMER CREDENTIALS WOULD IN FACT BE  
JUST SUCH "FURTHER ACTION."

4. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO DEFEAT-  
ING ANY CHALLENGE TO KHMER REPUBLIC'S CREDENTIALS AND TO  
ICELAND'S SUPPORT (AS LAST YEAR) IN THIS RESPECT.

5. REYKJAVIK MAY ALSO WISH TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION  
FOR ICELAND'S SUPPORT ON FRIENDLY KOREAN RESOLUTION AND  
VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

6. APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF  
FOREIGN MINISTRY AND RESULTS THEREOF REPORTED BY PRIORITY  
CABLE, INFO USUN AND PHNOM PENH. GA PLENARY EXPECTED  
TAKE UP KHMER CREDENTIALS DECEMBER 16. INGERSOLL

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